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1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	4/97	3/97	1/97	12/96	11/96+	10/96+	2/91+	7/92+	
Right direction.....	37	40	46	46	41	42	65	14	[15]
Wrong track.....	44	45	38	38	40	39	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	16	13	12	13	16	14	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	2	4	3	3	5	4	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	4/97	3/97	1/97	12/96	10/96+	9/96+	1/94	6/93	
Approve.....	57	57	60	58	56	55	60	41	[16]
Disapprove.....	36	36	32	34	37	38	31	50	
Not sure.....	7	7	8	8	7	7	9	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	4/97*	3/97	1/97	12/96	10/96+	9/96+	12/96	7/93	9/94	
Approve.....	55	59	58	59	55	54	59	40	40	[17]
Disapprove.....	38	33	35	32	37	35	32	51	51	
Not sure.....	7	8	7	9	8	11	9	9	9	

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- 2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	4/97**	3/97	1/97	12/96	10/96+	9/96+	1/97	9/94	
Approve.....	52	48	57	49	50	49	57	32	[18]
Disapprove.....	32	37	34	37	38	38	34	60	
Not sure.....	16	15	9	14	12	13	9	8	

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3. + Asked only of registered voters.
I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Bill Clinton							[19]
April 1997.....	20	33	15	15	16	1	
March 1997.....	23	31	14	14	17	1	
January 1997.....	25	30	16	15	13	1	
December 1996.....	22	32	15	15	16	-	
November 1996+.....	22	26	13	15	23	1	
October 1996+.....	26	28	13	12	21	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
Newt Gingrich							[20]
April 1997.....	6	15	21	22	31	5	
March 1997.....	5	15	19	23	33	5	
January 1997.....	6	16	18	24	31	5	
December 1996.....	8	13	22	21	29	7	
October 1996+.....	9	12	17	17	39	6	
September 1996+.....	8	19	16	18	33	6	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1990+.....	1	8	10	6	6	69	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[21]
April 1997.....	18	26	18	14	22	2	
March 1997.....	17	25	21	15	21	1	
January 1997.....	18	25	19	16	20	2	
December 1996.....	15	24	22	15	22	2	
October 1996+.....	20	24	17	13	25	1	
September 1996+.....	19	24	16	15	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	
Alan Greenspan							[22]
April 1997.....	9	21	28	7	4	31	
Tiger Woods							[23]
April 1997.....	57	19	13	1	1	9	
Janet Reno							[24]
April 1997.....	14	31	21	15	9	10	
July 1995.....	11	25	21	15	15	13	
January 1994.....	13	24	20	11	11	21	
June 1993.....	18	20	18	8	5	31	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Al Gore							[25]
April 1997.....	15	31	25	15	12	2	
March 1997.....	17	30	22	16	12	3	
January 1997.....	22	29	24	12	11	2	
December 1996.....	17	30	26	12	12	3	
October 1996+.....	22	29	22	11	13	3	
September 1996+.....	20	29	23	14	11	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
January 1995.....	12	27	29	17	10	5	
Colin Powell							[26]
April 1997.....	47	30	14	3	2	4	
August 1996+.....	30	35	20	5	3	7	
June 1996+.....	37	32	19	3	3	6	
May 1996+.....	35	30	19	5	3	8	
December 1995.....	28	33	24	5	4	6	
October 1995.....	21	33	28	6	2	10	
<i>High</i>							
June 1996+.....	37	32	19	3	3	6	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1995.....	28	33	24	5	4	6	
Michael Jordan							[27]
April 1997.....	38	31	22	3	3	3	
June 1996+.....	31	25	23	4	5	12	
Trent Lott							[28]
April 1997.....	6	10	17	4	2	61	
March 1997.....	4	11	19	5	3	58	
January 1997.....	6	10	14	3	2	65	
December 1996.....	5	9	18	4	2	62	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	4/97	3/97	1/97	10/96+	9/96+	8/2- 6/96+	<i>High</i> 4/21- 25/95	<i>Low</i> 10/90+	
Approve.....	41	36	39	39	40	35	47	22	[29]
Disapprove.....	45	52	50	50	44	55	40	69	
Not sure.....	14	12	11	11	16	10	13	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4b. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Newt Gingrich is doing as speaker of the House of Representatives?

	4/97	1/97	1/96	12/95	11/95	10/9 5	<i>High</i> 4/21- 25/95	<i>Low</i> 11/95	
Approve.....	32	29	29	32	27	35	45	27	[30]
Disapprove.....	54	57	57	56	60	46	36	60	
Not sure.....	14	14	14	12	13	19	19	13	

4c. In your opinion, should Newt Gingrich continue to serve as speaker of the House of Representatives, or should he be replaced as speaker?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	
Should continue to serve.....	34	43	[31]
Should be replaced.....	57	51	
Not sure.....	9	6	

- 5a. Have the things you remember hearing and seeing about Al Gore in the past few months made you feel more favorable or less favorable toward him?

More favorable.....	29	[32]
Less favorable.....	35	
Some of both (VOL).....	14	
Not sure.....	22	

- 5b. And have the things you remember hearing and seeing about Newt Gingrich in the past few months made you feel more favorable or less favorable towards him?

More favorable.....	14	[33]
Less favorable.....	68	
Some of both (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	11	

6. Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--President Clinton or the Congress?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/9/94+</u>	
President Clinton.....	38	34	38	33	31	30	[34]
Congress.....	44	43	44	54	55	55	
Shared/equal role (VOL).....	12	18	14	6	8	11	
Neither (VOL).....	3	2	2	3	2	1	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	4	4	3	

7. From what you know, do you agree or disagree with most of what the Republicans in Congress are proposing to do?

							<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>8/2-6/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>3/96</u>	
Agree.....	41	40	36	41	41	36	49	34	[35]
Disagree.....	34	32	43	40	38	41	22	50	
Both/mixed (VOL).....	12	15	10	11	14	13	9	8	
Not sure.....	13	13	11	8	7	10	20	8	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 8a. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The economic and political systems in the country are stacked against people like me"?

	<u>4/97*</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>5/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	[36]
Agree.....	52	45	35	49	50	56	45	59	47	
Disagree.....	43	48	58	45	45	37	49	37	47	
Not sure.....	5	7	7	6	5	7	6	4	6	
						<u>10/23-</u>	<u>10/14-</u>			
	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>26/88+</u>	<u>16/88+</u>	<u>9/88+</u>	<u>8/88+</u>		
	43	44	48	42	43	50	43	51		
	51	49	46	54	48	42	46	39		
	6	7	6	4	9	8	11	10		

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- 8b. Do you expect your children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living than your generation?

	<u>4/97**</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>5/90+</u>	
Yes, expect children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living.....	52	43	43	41	41	48	49	45	60	[37]
No, do not expect children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living.....	44	47	47	51	52	46	45	50	37	
Not sure.....	4	10	10	8	7	6	6	5	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	15	{205}
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	23	SKIP TO Q.11.
Independent/lean Republican.....	6	CONTINUE
Not very strong Republican.....	13	
Strong Republican.....	14	
Other.....	6	SKIP TO Q.11.
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.9.)

- 10a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for?

(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	All Republicans	
Texas Governor George Bush.....	24	[38]
Jack Kemp.....	17	
Elizabeth Dole.....	16	
Dan Quayle.....	9	
Steve Forbes.....	8	
Pat Buchanan.....	6	
Fred Thompson.....	3	
Lamar Alexander.....	3	
Someone else/none (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	9	

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.9.)

- 10b. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Democratic primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for?

(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	All Democrats	
Al Gore.....	56	[39]
Bill Bradley.....	9	
Jesse Jackson.....	8	
Richard Gephardt.....	6	
Bob Kerrey.....	4	
Someone else/none (VOL).....	11	
Not sure.....	6	

11. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1998 congressional elections -- a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

Republican-controlled Congress.....	44	[40]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	38	
Not sure.....	18	

- 12a. Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican candidate for president, recently agreed to personally loan Speaker Gingrich three hundred thousand dollars to pay the penalty that was imposed on Newt Gingrich by the House Ethics Committee. The terms of this loan are that Newt Gingrich must pay ten percent interest on the amount of the loan, but will not need to begin payment on the amount of the loan or on the accrued interest until the year 2005. Do you approve or disapprove of Mr. Gingrich's using this method to pay his penalty?

Approve.....	35	[41]
Disapprove.....	57	
Not sure.....	8	

- 12b. Do you feel that this loan was made out of Bob Dole's personal friendship with Speaker Gingrich, or do you feel that it was made out of Bob Dole's future lobbying and political considerations?

Loan made out of personal friendship.....	28	[42]
Loan made out of future lobbying and political considerations.....	52	
Some of both (VOL)	9	
Not sure.....	11	

- 12c. Do you think that Newt Gingrich will ever repay Bob Dole the entire amount of the loan?

Yes, Gingrich will repay the entire amount of the loan.....	35	[43]
No, Gingrich will not repay the entire amount of the loan....	52	
Not sure.....	13	

Now, I'd like to ask you some questions on taxes and the budget.

- 13a. During the next year, do you think that the national economy will get better, will get worse, or will stay about the same?

Will get better.....	19	[44]
Will get worse.....	22	
Will stay about the same.....	57	
Not sure.....	2	

- 13b. And during the next year, do you think that inflation will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>4/97*</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	
Will increase.....	51	42	50	45	[45]
Will decrease.....	3	5	6	6	
Will stay about the same.....	43	44	42	46	
Not sure.....	3	9	2	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 13c. And during the next year, do you think that interest rates will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?*

Will increase.....	64	[46]
Will decrease.....	3	
Will stay about the same..	29	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

13d. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/15- 18/90</u>	<u>9/4- 5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	
Will be an economic recession.....	19	23	32	73	66	51	58	57	25	30	23	30	31	[47]
Will not be an economic recession...	70	67	53	19	24	35	30	26	49	57	64	56	56	
Not sure.....	11	10	15	8	10	14	12	17	26	13	13	14	13	

14. A year from now, do you think that the Dow Jones Industrial Average, a major indicator for the stock market, will be higher or lower than it is right now, or do you think it will remain about the same?*

Will be higher.....	30	[48]
Will be lower.....	20	
Will remain about the same.....	38	
Not sure.....	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

15a. When it comes to balancing the federal budget, which do you think is the better approach -- a federal budget plan for the next five years that eliminates the deficit but offers no tax cuts, **OR** a federal budget plan for the next five years that offers a reduction in taxes but does not eliminate the deficit?

Eliminates the deficit/no tax cuts.....	53	[49]
Reduces taxes/not eliminate the deficit.....	32	
Both equal (VOL).....	2	
Neither (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

15b. If Congress and the President cut taxes this year, which of these do you think is the better approach-- an across-the-board cut in income tax rates for all taxpayers, **OR** targeted tax cuts for specific types of people, such as increasing the tax credit for families with young children or those paying for college tuition?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	
Across-the-board cut in income tax rates.....	45	45	[50]
Targeted tax cuts.....	46	46	
Both equal (VOL).....	2	3	
Neither (VOL).....	3	2	
Not sure.....	4	4	

15c. Here are some tax reductions that will be considered by Congress. For each one I mention, please tell me whether you think it will help you and your family a lot, help some, help very little, or not help at all. If you are not sure, please do not hesitate to say so.**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HELPA LOT OR SOME

	<u>Help A Lot</u>	<u>Help Some</u>	<u>Help Very Little</u>	<u>Not Help At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
An across-the-board reduction in income tax rates.....	28	42	17	9	4	[51]
Tax credits for college tuition expenses.....	35	22	7	33	3	[55]
Tax credits for families with young children.....	37	17	9	34	3	[53]
A reduction in the capital gains tax.....	18	30	15	28	9	[54]
A reduction in the inheritance tax.....	20	22	16	37	5	[56]
A reduction in the corporate tax.....	7	16	16	54	7	[52]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

15d. And which one, if any, would you most like to see passed?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>4/97**</u>	<u>12/96</u>	
An across-the-board reduction in income tax rates.....	37	34	[57]
Tax credits for families with young children.....	26	23	
Tax credits for college tuition expenses.....	18	16	
A reduction in the capital gains tax.....	8	13	
A reduction in the inheritance tax.....	5	3	
A reduction in the corporate tax.....	2	NA	
All (VOL)	-	7	
None (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	3	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16a. From what you know, do you agree more with Bill Clinton and the Democrats **OR** more with the Republicans in Congress on the issue of the federal budget?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>11/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	
Clinton and Democrats	43	44	44	49	38	38	38	[58]
Republicans in Congress.....	38	39	41	37	41	44	41	
Both equal (VOL).....	5	6	4	4	5	4	4	
Not sure.....	14	11	11	10	16	14	17	

- 16b. How likely do you think it is that the federal budget will be balanced in five years--very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	
Very likely	3	4	[59]
Fairly likely.....	8	7	
Just somewhat likely.....	26	19	
Not at all likely.....	62	69	
Not sure.....	1	1	

- 16c. Currently, there is a lot of discussion about which priorities are the most important to protect as Congress tries to balance the federal budget. Please tell me which one of the following priorities you would be willing to limit in order to balance the budget--education funding, Medicare funding, tax reduction, or health care for children.**

Education funding.....	9	[60]
Medicare funding.....	11	
Tax reduction.....	57	
Health care for children.....	7	
All (VOL).....	3	
None (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. Two senators, a Republican and a Democrat, have proposed increasing cigarette taxes by forty-three cents a pack, and giving much of the money raised to help states provide health insurance for uninsured children. Based on this description, do you favor or oppose this plan?

Favor.....	72	[61]
Oppose.....	24	
Not sure.....	4	

18. There has been some talk about reducing the planned growth and spending on Medicare by more than one hundred billion dollars over the next five years. In your view, how much do you think Medicare services will be affected by the one hundred billion dollar reduction in planned growth and spending -- do you think Medicare will be affected a great deal, quite a bit, some, or not really affected at all?

Will be affected a great deal	40	[62]
Will be affected quite a bit.....	25	
Will be affected some.....	24	

Will not really be affected at all.....	6
Not sure.....	5

Now I'd like to ask you some questions on another topic.

19. Which party do you think is more influenced by special interests and lobbyists--the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>11/96+</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Democratic Party.....	30	33	27	32	32	[63]
Republican Party.....	30	30	28	29	34	
Both equally (VOL).....	30	28	36	28	23	
Not sure.....	10	9	9	11	11	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

20. When you think about the amount of attention that the national news media is paying to the issue of improper political fund-raising practices by both political parties, do you think the media coverage has been overdone or does it seem about right?

Media coverage has been overdone.....	47	[64]
Media coverage seems about right.....	47	
Not sure.....	6	

- 21a. From what you have heard, do you think that the fund-raising practices of President Clinton and the Democrats in the 1996 campaign were -- (a) both legal and ethical, (b) legal but ethically questionable, or (c) do you think the fund-raising practices of President Clinton and the Democrats were neither legal nor ethical?

Legal and ethical.....	10	[65]
Legal but ethically questionable.....	55	
Neither legal nor ethical.....	30	
Not sure.....	5	

- 21b. And from what you have heard, do you think that the fund-raising practices of the Republicans in the 1996 campaign were -- (a) both legal and ethical, (b) legal but ethically questionable, or (c) do you think the fund-raising practices of the Republicans were neither legal nor ethical?

Legal and ethical.....	13	[66]
Legal but ethically questionable.....	62	
Neither legal nor ethical.....	17	
Not sure.....	8	

- 22a. Some people have called for the Attorney General to appoint a special independent counsel to investigate allegations of improper fund-raising practices by the Clinton White House in the 1996 elections. Let me read you three statements on this matter and please tell me which one comes closest to your view.

Statement A: An independent counsel should be appointed to investigate possible campaign finance violations by the Clinton White House in the 1996 election.

Statement B: An independent counsel should be appointed to investigate possible campaign finance violations by both the Clinton White House and the Republicans.

Statement C: An independent counsel is not needed, because congressional hearings will be held to examine possible campaign finance violations.*

Statement A/Independent counsel should be appointed to investigate the Clinton White House.....	14	[67]
Statement B/Independent counsel should be appointed to investigate both the Clinton White House and Republicans.....	51	
Statement C/Independent counsel is not needed.....	30	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 22b. Janet Reno, the Attorney General, recently decided not to appoint a special independent counsel to investigate improper fund-raising practices by the Clinton White House. Based on her decision not to appoint an independent counsel, do you think Janet Reno should or should not resign as attorney general?

Janet Reno should resign.....	27	[68]
Janet Reno should not resign.....	65	
Not sure.....	8	

- 23a. As you may know, the Republican-controlled Congress will soon be holding hearings on allegations of campaign finance abuses. Do you think these congressional hearings will be relatively fair and impartial, or do you think they will mainly be a partisan attack on the Clinton White House and the Democrats by congressional Republicans?

Relatively fair and impartial.....	22	[69]
Partisan attack on the Clinton White House and the Democrats....	68	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	6	

- 23b. Why do you think legislation on the issue of campaign finance reform has not yet been passed by Congress? Do you think it is: a) because the current system works okay, and changes will only make things worse; b) because the American public does not put a priority on campaign finance reform; or c) that the special interests and the politicians will oppose any changes in a system that works to their advantage?

The current system works okay.....	4	[70]
The American public does not put a priority on campaign finance reform.....	22	
The special interests and politicians will oppose any changes in a system that works to their advantage.....	69	
Not sure.....	5	

- 24a. Do you think that President Clinton is telling the truth or not telling the truth about his personal finances and his involvement in the Whitewater affair?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>5/94</u>	
President Clinton is telling the truth.....	24	25	24	36	43	[71]
President Clinton is not telling the truth.....	60	55	49	45	34	
Not sure.....	16	20	27	19	23	

- 24b. And do you think that Hillary Rodham Clinton is telling the truth or not telling the truth about her personal finances and her involvement in the Whitewater affair?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/9</u>	<u>7/9</u>	<u>5/94</u>	
Hillary Rodham Clinton is telling the truth.....	20	18	22	27	29	39	[72]
Hillary Rodham Clinton is not telling the truth...	64	62	55	53	39	41	
Not sure.....	16	20	23	20	32	20	

And on the topic of foreign relations and trade...

25. As you may know, more than three years ago Congress passed NAFTA, the free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada. So far, would you say that NAFTA has made more of a positive impact on the United States or more of a negative impact on the United States?

	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>7/94</u>	
Positive impact.....	28	21	28	[73]
Negative impact.....	43	48	35	
No impact either way (VOL).....	8	7	16	
Not sure.....	21	24	21	

26. Which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view on our relationship with China?

Statement A: We should maintain good trade relations with China despite disagreements we might have with its human rights policies.

Statement B: We should demand that China improve its human rights policies if China wants to continue to enjoy its current trade status with the United States.

	<u>4/97**</u>	<u>5/96</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	
Statement A/maintain good trade relations with China.....	27	30	33	40	31	29	[74]
Statement B/demand that China improve human rights practices....	67	60	60	51	61	65	
Some of both (VOL) ¹	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure.....	3	10	7	9	8	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Prior to April 1997, the volunteered response "some of both" was not recorded. For purposes of comparison, those who volunteered "neither" prior to April 1997 are combined with those who were not sure.

27. As you may know, the U.S. government recently re-certified Mexico as helping to stop the flow of drugs into the U.S., which means that Mexico is eligible for special assistance. Do you approve or disapprove of this action, or do you feel that you do not know enough about this issue to have an opinion?*

Approve.....	15	[75]
Disapprove.....	44	
Don't know enough.....	40	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

28. Who do you think is more to blame for the current problems in the Middle East peace process -- Israel or the Palestinians?

Israel.....	23	[76]
The Palestinians.....	33	
Both equally (VOL)	23	
Neither (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	20	

29. There have been proposals by the attorney generals in many states to reach an agreement with tobacco companies to settle lawsuits filed against these corporations by smokers and by the states in order to pay the costs of smoking-related cases. Please tell me which one of the following two statements comes closer to your opinion on whether to reach a settlement with the tobacco companies.

Statement A: The settlement is a good idea, because the tobacco companies will set aside funds for individual claims, and will accept FDA regulations on tobacco.

Statement B: The settlement is a bad idea, because it will prevent future lawsuits against tobacco companies in which individuals could sue and receive damages for smoking-related cases.

Statement A/Good idea.....	48	[77]
Statement B/Bad idea.....	36	
Neither (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	6	

30. I'd like to ask you about several stories that have been in the news in recent weeks. As I mention each one, would you tell me how much interest you have in each story -- would you say you are very interested, quite interested, slightly interested, or not at all interested in each one? If you are not sure, please do not hesitate to say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR QUITE INTERESTED

	<u>Very Interested</u>	<u>Quite Interested</u>	<u>Slightly Interested</u>	<u>Not At All Interested</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The Oklahoma City bombing trial starting in Denver**.....	54	21	19	5	1	[87]
The discussion and negotiations between the White House and Congress over the balanced budget**.....	35	23	33	8	1	[88]
The missing Air Force jet in Colorado**.....	35	22	33	9	1	[89]
Tiger Woods winning the Masters golf tournament*.....	34	17	27	22	-	[79]
The Federal Reserve's increasing interest rates**.	34	17	33	14	2	[84]
Discussions about legal settlements between tobacco companies and the Justice Department*..	25	24	32	18	1	[82]
Debate over ratification of the chemical weapons treaty*.....	28	19	32	17	4	[80]
The fiftieth anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball**.....	25	19	37	18	1	[85]
The recent changes in the stock market*.....	23	15	32	29	1	[78]
Speaker Gingrich's arrangements to pay the three hundred thousand dollar penalty imposed by the House**.....	17	21	38	24	-	[86]
Stories surrounding the JonBenet Ramsey murder in Colorado*.....	25	12	32	29	2	[81]
The suicides of the cult members in California*....	14	12	38	35	1	[83]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31. Thinking about your own work situation, how satisfied would you say you are with the way things are at your job these days -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied.....	25	[90]
Somewhat satisfied.....	31	

Somewhat dissatisfied.....	11
Very dissatisfied.....	8
Not sure.....	1
Do not work.....	24

32. In terms of the job market for young people graduating from high school and college, do you think that this year will be one of the best, a very good year, above average, not so good, or a poor year for finding a job?

One of the best.....	2	[91]
A very good year.....	15	
Above average year.....	38	
Not so good year.....	25	
A poor year.....	14	
Not sure.....	6	

33. Would you favor or oppose legislation that would make child safety locks mandatory on the trigger of all handguns?

Favor.....	81	[92]
Oppose.....	16	
Not sure.....	3	

34. As you may have heard, a 63-year-old woman, using fertility drugs and a donated egg, recently gave birth to a baby. Do you approve or disapprove of what this woman did?

Approve.....	31	[93]
Disapprove.....	51	
Not sure.....	18	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	{201}
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training, 2-year college.....	13	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years' postgraduate work, master's degree.....	8	
Doctoral degree/law degree.....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	10	{202}
25-29.....	11	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	10	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	5	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?**(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/manager.....	29	{203}
White collar worker.....	19	
Blue collar worker.....	20	
Farmer.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	20	
Unemployed.....	3	
Never worked/not sure.....	1	

F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	{206}
Somewhat liberal.....	18	
Moderate.....	27	
Somewhat conservative.....	23	
Very conservative.....	12	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	10	
Not sure.....	3	

F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered	86	{207}
Not registered.....	13	
Not sure.....	1	

F6a. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election?

(IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote -- Bill Clinton, the Democrat, Bob Dole, the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, Voted			
Bill Clinton.....	41		{208}
Bob Dole	28	CONTINUE	
Ross Perot.....	5		
Other (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	6		
No, Did Not Vote	19	SKIP TO	
Not Sure If Voted/Refused	1	Q.F7.	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY VOTED IN Q.F6a.)

F6b. In the 1996 election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

Democratic candidate.....	34	{209}
Republican candidate.....	34	
Another candidate (VOL).....	1	
Didn't vote in House election (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	8	
Did Not Vote (Q.F6a).....	20	

F7. What is your marital status--are you single and never married, married, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Single.....	24	{211}
Married.....	55	
Separated.....	2	
Divorced.....	11	
Widowed.....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F8a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	52	CONTINUE	{212}
Catholic.....	29		
Jewish.....	3		
Other.....	9	SKIP TO Q.F9.	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8a)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Yes, fundamentalist/evangelical/both	16	{213}
No, neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	32	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8a).....	48	

(ASK EVERYONE:)

F9. Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	{215}
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	80	
Not sure.....	2	

F10. For each of the following descriptions I read, please tell me if this applies to you personally. First, (READ ITEM) -- does that apply to you or doesn't it?

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
A supporter of conservative Christian political organizations, such as the Christian Coalition.....	16	80	4	[94]
Have children under age 18 living in your household.....	38	61	1	[95]
Have at least five thousand dollars invested in mutual funds or stocks..	47	49	4	[96]
Own a firearm.....	35	63	2	[97]

F11. Do you currently smoke? **(IF "NO, ASK:)** Did you smoke cigarettes at any time in the past?

Currently smoke.....	25	[98]
Do not currently smoke - did smoke in past.....	33	
Do not currently smoke - never smoked in past.....	41	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F12. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White.....	79	{220}
Black.....	11	
Hispanic.....	4	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F13. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	{221}
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	11	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	13	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	14	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	8	
More than \$100,000.....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	15	